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Co-Chair Senator Anwar, Co-Chair Representative McCarthy Vahey, Vice Chair Senator Kushner, Vice Chair Senator Marx, Vice Chair Representative Parker, Ranking Member Senator Somers, Ranking Member Representative Klarides-Ditria, and Honorable Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing in strong opposition to raised bill S.B. 1076 "AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS."

The title itself presents eristic arguments. With compassionate comfort available through both Hospice and Palliative care and there always being those glorious occasions when patients are found to be no longer terminally ill, why would anyone want to even consider or risk such a heinous act?

The very freedoms and liberties we affirm as Americans only hold true and sacrosanct by our nation's declaration that each and every one of us is endowed with the certain unalienable right to life. Aiding someone to take his or her own life would only serve to undermine these freedoms and liberties. There can be no right to liberty and the pursuit of happiness without life; death unequivocally renders them irreconcilable.

The same conflict is stated by the American Medical Association. The AMA Code of Ethics states, "Permitting physicians to engage in assisted suicide would ultimately cause more harm than good. Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer" (Opinion 5.7). Sanctioning doctors to aid in ending life would make the medical profession complicit in violating their essential purpose.

Nothing good could ever come from allowing people to end their own lives. Moreover, I ask you. How is it cogent that Connecticut would pass an act concerning aid in dying when just a decade ago, it passed legislation abolishing capital punishment?

With science being capable in providing compassionate care to terminally ill patients and the medical profession ethically bound to do no harm, I strongly urge you to oppose raised bill S.B. 1076 – AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS. Let it be known throughout the nation Connecticut unequivocally declares each and every one of us to be endowed with the certain unalienable right to life. Let it be known Connecticut promotes a culture of life.

Thank for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Michael L Molgano